

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: )  
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SERIAL NUMBER: )  
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FILED: JAN. 10, 2002 ) GROUP ART UNIT: 1652  
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TITLE: PROTEIN Z-DEPENDENT )  
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PROTEASE INHIBITOR )  
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(Div. of Ser. No. 09/696,364 )  
Filed: Oct. 25, 2000) )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a divisional application for the purpose of prosecuting claims to the invention withdrawn from the parent application, Ser. No. 09/696,364, filed October 25, 2000, pursuant to a requirement for election of a single disclosed species in the Office Action mailed May 22, 2001, Paper No. 5.

Upon granting of the official filing date and serial number, please amend the specification by inserting reference to the continuing data, cancel Claims 1-6, 9-10, and 13-14, and amend Claims 7 and 11 as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, line 1, insert the continuing data to read as follows:

--This is a division of application Ser. No. 09/696,364, filed October 25, 2000, which is a division of application Ser. No. 09/271,608, filed March 17, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of provisional application Ser. No. 60/086,571, filed May 19, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Upon granting of the official filing date and serial number, cancel Claims 1-6, 9-10, and 13-14, and amend Claims 7 and 11 as follows:

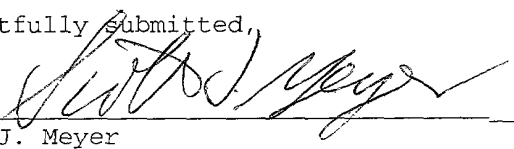
--7 (Amended) A method of inhibiting blood coagulation in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a coagulation inhibitor selected from the group consisting of protein Z and ZPI [and a combination of protein Z and ZPI] in an amount sufficient to inhibit blood coagulation.--

--11 (Amended) The method of Claim 7 in which the coagulation inhibitor is [a combination of protein Z and] ZPI--.

REMARKS

In accordance with the instruction in the attached "Utility Patent Application Transmittal" form, Box 17, this application is being filed as a divisional application to prosecute claims to the invention withdrawn from the parent application Ser. No. 09/696,364, filed October 25, 2000, pursuant to a requirement to elect a single disclosed species in the Office Action mailed May 22, 2001, Paper No. 5. A clean copy of Amended Claims 7 and 11 is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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WHAT IS CLAIMED:

7. A method of inhibiting blood coagulation in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to said patient a coagulation inhibitor selected from the group consisting of protein Z and ZPI in an amount sufficient to inhibit blood coagulation.

11. The method of Claim 7 in which the coagulation inhibitor is ZPI.

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